

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 9, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. McKamey (R)
Rep. Custer (R)
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 357, 2/3/2017; HB 371, 2/3/2017

HEARING ON HB 357

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 357, Generally revise laws related to strengthening voter identification.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:56 Sue Hoell, Montana League of Women Voters (MLWV)

00:10:52 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

EXHIBIT(sth29a01)

00:13:43 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:15:35 Kylie Gursky, Montana Women Vote

00:18:18 Andrew Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

00:19:30 Jordan Thompson, Salish and Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT(sth29a02)

00:21:12 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

00:26:58 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

00:29:05 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony:

00:29:57 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:30:19 Audrey McCue, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:50 Rep. Webb

00:31:29 Rep. Skees

00:31:35 Rep. Bachmeier

00:32:14 Rep. Skees

00:34:18 Rep. Bachmeier

00:34:31 Rep. Staffanson

00:34:45 Rep. Bachmeier

00:34:55 Rep. Skees

00:36:32 Rep. Hayman

00:36:53 Sarah Garcia,DOJ

00:37:45 Rep. Hayman

00:37:46 Sarah Garcia, DOJ

00:38:31 Rep. Hayman

00:39:16 Audrey McCue, MACR

00:39:44 Rep. Hayman

00:40:18 Audrey McCue, MACR

00:41:30 Rep. Bennett

00:42:03 Rep. Skees

00:42:42 Rep. Bennett

00:43:06 Rep. Skees

00:43:37 Rep. Bennett

00:44:50 Rep. Custer joined meeting
00:44:54 Rep. Fleming
00:45:55 Audrey McCue, MACR
00:46:30 Rep. Karjala
00:47:27 SK Rossi, ACLU
00:49:14 Rep. Karjala
00:49:38 SK Rossi, ACLU
00:50:45 Rep. Sales
00:51:17 Rep. Skees
00:52:19 Rep. Sales
00:54:38 Rep. Skees
00:55:17 Rep. Staffanson
00:55:57 Rep. Skees
00:56:29 Rep. Garner
00:56:59 Sarah Garcia, DOJ
00:57:40 Rep. Garner
01:00:29 Rep. Skees
01:01:15 Rep. Swanson
01:01:42 Rep. Skees
01:01:49 Rep. Price
01:02:27 Rep. Skees
01:05:09 Rep. Price
01:05:22 Rep. Skees
01:05:55 Rep. Karjala
01:06:37 Rep. Webb rejoined meeting
01:07:08 Beth Brenneman, DRM
01:08:35 Rep. Karjala
01:09:14 Beth Brenneman, DRM
01:10:01 Rep. Hayman
01:10:59 SK Rossi, ACLU
01:11:51 Rep. Custer
01:12:31 Rep. Skees
01:12:44 Rep. Custer
01:15:00 Chair Mandeville
01:15:16 Rep. Skees
01:15:44 Rep. Bachmeier
01:15:49 Chair Mandeville
01:16:03 Rep. Bachmeier
01:17:19 Kathy Bramer, AARP
01:17:33 Rep. Bachmeier
01:18:00 Audrey McCue, MACR
01:18:08 Rep. Staffanson
01:19:10 SK Rossi, ACLU
01:19:24 Rep. Staffanson
01:19:45 SK Rossi, ACLU
01:20:05 Rep. Custer
01:20:41 Rep. Skees
01:20:59 Rep. Custer
01:21:32 Rep. Skees
01:21:43 Rep. Custer

01:21:52 Jordan Thompson, Salish and Kootenai Tribes
01:22:22 Rep. Custer
01:23:01 Chair Mandeville
01:27:04 Rep. Skees
01:27:08 Rep. Custer
01:27:31 Rep. Skees
01:28:03 Rep. Custer
01:28:23 Audrey McCue, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:53 Rep. Skees

[EXHIBIT\(sth29a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth29a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth29a05\)](#)

01:31:21 Rep. Shaw rejoined meeting

HEARING ON HB 371

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:46:32 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 371, Allow late registrant absentee ballots to be dropped off at polling locations.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:36 Audrey McCue, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

01:51:52 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

01:53:02 Kailynn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:44 Rep. Skees
01:54:07 Audrey McCue, MACR
01:54:59 Chair Mandeville
01:55:21 Audrey McCue, MACR
01:55:26 Chair Mandeville
01:56:01 Audrey McCue, MACR
01:56:33 Rep. Staffanson
01:56:59 Audrey McCue, MACR
01:57:25 Rep. Staffanson
01:57:35 Audrey McCue, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:16 Rep. Bennett

02:00:37 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:02:24

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth29aad.pdf](#))